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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: May 29, 1954

SUBJECT: Consultation regarding Guatemala—Regional Meeting Proposed by President Figueres of Costa Rica.

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador of Costa Rica Antonio A. Facio
Costa Rican Counselor Jorge Hazera
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I explained to the Ambassador our proposal regarding the calling of an OAS meeting and told him that I thought that the calling of a preliminary regional meeting by President Figueres might be a mistake. I said that, were it not for the possibility of an OAS meeting, the calling of a regional meeting would obviously be an excellent thought, and that I felt sure that President Figueres had suggested this course because he did not know of the decision which we had reached today to suggest an OAS meeting to the other states.

He said that he felt our plan with respect to the OAS meeting was a good one and that he felt sure that his government would support us. He agreed to call Costa Rica and explain our views regarding the proposed regional conference.

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On the following morning, May 30, he telephoned me and said that he had just talked to Costa Rica; that he was leaving for San José the following night to explain our proposal; that he could assure us now that Costa Rica would support the United States plan. He agreed to come by the following morning for a further conference before leaving.

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